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REMARKS

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Bad Fischau.

1. Lively activity was noticed in the barracks installations of Bad Fischau (O 48/X 34) on 24 January 1951. A company-size unit commanded by a captain left the barracks for combat training. Truck            was seen in the barracks yard. A double telephone line led from the barracks area in the direction of Brunn (O 48/X 24). \*
2. Four tank cars at the tank installation southwest of the railroad station were still guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets.
3. Three captains and five senior lieutenants wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and six officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with tank insignia were seen at the railroad station of Fischau.

Wiener Neustadt.

4. Approximately 50 troops were engaged in drill in the Artillerie Kaserne on Fischauerstrasse in Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) on 23 January 1951. About 17 trucks were in the barracks area. Small canvas-covered objects parked among them were believed to be guns. Several soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and a corporal with tank insignia were seen leaving the installation.
5. No changes were observed on 24 January 1951 in the cantonment camp on the western perimeter of the city on the north side of Leikersdorferstrasse. About 15 trucks and several guns, probably AT guns were still there.
6. Truck            with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the railroad station of Wiener Neustadt. \*\*

Neunkirchen.

7. The finance office and district court building in Neunkirchen (O 48/X 23) was still used as a Soviet military prison. Most of the soldiers seen there wore black bordered red epaulets. Some soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck            with personnel wearing black-bordered red epaulets was seen at the installation. \*\*

- 25X1A \*            Comment.            reported in January 1951 that the barracks installation in Bad Fischau was occupied by a unit of considerably more than battalion size.            The present report contains no indication as to the strength of the occupation of the barracks.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. On the basis of previous reports the Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt was believed to be occupied by GHQ units of the Central Group of Forces. [ ] Compared with information supplied [ ] on 9 December 1950, the present report contains no great changes. The motor vehicle [ ] observed at the railroad station of Wiener Neustadt and in Neunkirchen belong to GHQ units.

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